

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN BILL MCCHESENEY, on January 21, 2009 at 8:00 A.M.,
in Room 317-B Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill McChesney, Chairman (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Rick Laible, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mark Bruno, OBPP
Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch
Mitzi Grover, Committee Secretary
Matt Stayner, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary: Department of Commerce

00:00:08 Chairman McChesney

Informational Testimony:

00:01:19 Mr. Stayner

[EXHIBIT\(jgh14a01\)](#)

00:04:46 Tony Preite, Director, Department of Commerce

[EXHIBIT\(jgh14a02\)](#)

00:16:32 Chairman McChesney

00:16:40 Mr. Preite

00:17:13 Rep. Sesso

00:19:00 Chairman McChesney

00:19:07 Mr. Preite

00:20:31 Mr. Stayner

Business Resources Division

00:24:30 Andy Poole, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce

[EXHIBIT\(jgh14a03\)](#)

00:58:59 Rep. Sesso left

01:00:17 Chairman McChesney

01:00:23 Mr. Poole

01:03:01 Sen. Zinke

01:03:09 Mr. Poole

01:04:23 Sen. Zinke

01:04:31 Mr. Poole

01:06:03 Rep. Sesso returned

01:08:08 Chairman McChesney

01:08:30 Mr. Poole

01:10:42 Chairman McChesney

01:10:49 Mr. Poole

01:31:27 Chairman McChesney left

01:38:32 Chairman McChesney returned

01:38:45 Sen. Hansen left

01:44:58 Sen. Hansen returned

01:45:19 Chairman McChesney

Public Comment:

01:46:12 Jim Davison, Montana Economic Development Association

01:47:02 Josh Kellar, Coordinator of Natural Resources
Management and Rocky Mountain Resource Conservation &
Development

01:47:58 Larry Mire, Two Rivers Economic Growth

01:48:40 Billie Lee, Lake County Community Development
01:50:07 Linda Twitchell, Great Northern Development Corporation
01:51:59 John Balsam, Independent Business Management
01:53:28 Steve Holland, Director of the Montana Extension Dept.
01:54:40 Paul Tuss, Bear Paw Development
01:55:41 Kathie Bailey, Snowy Mountain Development Council
01:57:36 Jim Atchison, SouthEastern Montana Development Council
01:58:37 Leslie Messer, Executive Director of the Economic
Development Council
01:59:01 Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner
02:00:10 Tracy McIntyr, Executive Director of Eureka Rural
Development Partners
02:00:45 Brett Doney, Great Falls Development
02:01:48 Terry Myhre, Executive Director of Montana Business
Assistance in Helena
02:02:37 Chairman Sen. Zinke

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Informational Testimony:

02:52:33 Chairman McChesney
02:53:06 Betsy Baumgart, Division Administrator, Montana
Promotion Division

EXHIBIT(jgh14a04)

03:20:53 Chairman McChesney

Questions from Committee and Responses:

03:21:40 Sen. Hanson
03:22:04 Ms. Baumgart
03:22:22 Chairman McChesney
03:22:35 Mr. Preite
03:23:27 Chairman McChesney
03:23:50 Sen. Zinke
03:25:06 Mr. Preite
03:27:20 Sen. Zinke
03:28:25 Mr. Preite
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03:35:00 Mr. Preite
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03:48:13 Mr. Preite
03:48:52 Sen. Zinke
03:49:04 Mr. Poole
03:49:55 Sen. Zinke
03:50:00 Mr. Poole

ADJOURNMENT

03:50: 05 Adjournment 12:05 p.m.

MITZI GROVER, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jgh14aad.pdf](#))